GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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AUTO-DISPOSABLE SYRINGE
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a policy for safe injection practice keeping in mind joint statement by WHO-UNICEF-UNFPA in 1997 urging all countries to switch to auto-disposable (AD) syringes by 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have issued guidelines for the use of AD syringes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) There is no proposal as yet to make use of auto disposable syringes mandatory for all injections. However, on the advice of World Health Organisation-UNICEF-UNFPA a pilot project has been launched under the Universal Immunization Programme for the introduction of Hepatitis B Vacine in 15 cities and 32 districts. The injectable vaccine will be given with auto-disable syringes under the said project.